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VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Attorney Hesse:

I have served in municipal government for a number of years, and as a former local public official, I am often one of the first people to hear what is on the minds of our citizens. I can tell you that it is not the proposed settlement in the Microsoft anti-trust case. People today are concerned about the economy and about their job.

The Hi-tech industry plays an important role in the Massachusetts economy. We need to reach a conclusion in this case, so that our already fragile economic state is harmed no further. We need to put people back to work in the Hi-tech sector.

I urge the Justice Department to support the proposed settlement reached in this case. There has been no harm to consumers.

Sincerely,

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